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News and Events

IMPORTANT ALERT FOR CAMPUS FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, & VISITORS STARTING MONDAY: Railroad Repairs to Close Stuenkel Road CN Crossing

The CN Railroad crossing at Stuenkel Road/ University Parkway will be closed for repairs beginning Monday, April 29 through Saturday, May 4.

Students, staff, and community members who access Governors State University via this railroad crossing will need to take alternate routes while repair work is taking place.

Drivers on Governors Highway or Stuenkel Road west of the crossing can go south to Dralle Road and follow it to Old Monee Road, and then turn north to the university's east entrance. They can also go north to Sauk Trail, turn right, and approach GSU on Richton Square Road and Crawford Avenue.

Access to the GSU from the east will be unchanged by the railroad crossing repairs.

[Click here for a map](#) showing alternate routes to GSU during the railroad repairs.

Student Trustee Appears at National Conference

Erin Fletcher, the student member on GSU's Board of Trustees, participated this week in a student panel discussion at the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) annual meeting in San Francisco.



Erin Fletcher on AGB panel

Fletcher took part in a Tuesday session with the topic *Today's College Students*. Dr. Arthur Levine, President of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, gave an address, followed by a discussion by the student trustee panelists.

This year's AGB conference drew 800 participants and most attended the Tuesday panel discussion.

Jack Beaupre, Chair of the Board of Trustees, praised Fletcher's performance as a student trustee.

"As a representative of the most significant stakeholder – the students – during her tenure on the GSU Board, Erin has continually provided responsible input to our Board and is a great example of the merit of incorporating shared governance within our system," he said.

"Erin did a great job not only representing the administration and the Board, but in speaking very highly of the students and articulating their needs," Trustee Brian D. Mitchell said.

GSU Golf League Back for Another Year



It's been a cold, wet spring but the preliminary weather forecast calls for sunshine and 76 degrees next Tuesday as the GSU Golf League begins its 2013 season.

Tee time is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at University Golf Course, conveniently located across the street from GSU in University Park.

During the 2013 season, the League will play nine holes of golf each week, weather permitting.

Everyone is encouraged to join in on the fun, regardless of their skill level. For information on joining the GSU Golf League please contact Hollie Campbell at 708.235.6813.

Civil Service Senate Election Ballots Due Friday

Civil Service Senate election ballots must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Ballots were distributed to Civil Service members earlier this week.

Completed ballots are to be returned to Eric Nicholson, Civil Service Senate Election Committee Chair, in the University Library either through campus mail or direct delivery to the library circulation desk.

Election results will be made available following the Election Committee count on Monday, April 29. Candidates will have five working days to file written challenges with the Election Committee regarding election results.

Sold-out Transformations Continues Tonight in CPA



Anne Sexton's Transformations, the first production of GSU's newly reinstated theater program, opened Wednesday to a packed house and an enthusiastic audience. Tonight's performance in the Center for Performing Arts is sold out, another clear sign of the show's success.

Directed by GSU's Dr. Patrick Santoro, *Anne Sexton's Transformations* is a re-telling of Grimm's fairy tales in the renowned author's deliciously strange voice. The play features a cast of staff and students from GSU.

Cast members are Cherish Brown, of Chicago; Lynne Clayton, of Park Forest; Keisha Dyson, of Chicago; Kimberly Hudson, of Park Forest; Keyana Marshall, of Chicago; Roshaunda Ross-Orta, of Homewood; and Deirdre Webb, of Richton Park.

Audience members are seated onstage in the CPA during this "in the round" production. Due to this aspect of the production, there is no late entry to *Transformations* and no re-entry if audience members leave the theater.

Friends of the GSU Library Book Sale – April 30

The Friends of the GSU Library hosts its annual spring book sale on Tuesday, April 30, from noon to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends will be able to preview the sale items from 11a.m. until noon.



Looking for presents for Mother's Day? You just might find the right present for the mom in your life. You will also find a vast selection of books on many subjects, including psychology, counseling, health services, English, and literature.

This year's sale features a silent auction for the large Rand McNally wall map that hung in the library atrium. The silent auction will begin at \$5.

You can purchase a large bag of books for \$5 or a small bag of books for \$3. Individual hard copy books are a \$1 and paperbacks are 50 cents.

"Your support of the Friends of the GSU Library allows the Friends to help maintain, enhance and improve the GSU Library as a vibrant research and literary resource for all at GSU and the community," said Ann Manning-Nagel, President of the Friends of the GSU Library. "We invite all at GSU to stop by the Hall of Governors next Tuesday to show your support for GSU and the Library,"

For more information, contact FriendsOfGSULibrary@gmail.com.

Reusing Furniture at GSU

Have you been searching for that extra piece of furniture to complement your conference room? Ever need a different file cabinet instead of the existing one with the drawer that sticks?

As departments purchase new furniture, old items are temporarily held on campus prior to being shipped to Springfield for state auction. As GSU takes part in Earth Week, we'd like to remind the University community that before placing an order for new furniture, you may be able to reuse existing resources on campus.

As a cooperative effort, the Procurement (Property Control) and Facilities departments will periodically provide a list of furniture items that could be used again on campus. If you are in need of an item, please contact Procurement at ext. 4056 to schedule a time to view the items. Upon approval from Procurement, Facilities staff will make the exchange or addition as requested.

Current items include:

- 3 3-foot, 2-door cabinet, beige
- 7 2-drawer file cabinet, beige
- 1 2-drawer file cabinet, brown
- 3 4-drawer file cabinet, beige
- 2 double pedestal desk, beige
- 1 single pedestal desk, beige
- 2 6-foot wood shelving unit, brown
- 1 4-foot wood shelving unit, tan
- 1 4-foot metal shelving unit, black
- 1 3-foot round office table, brown
- 1 2-foot wood shelving unit, brown
- 2 rolling desk chairs (matching), red
- 2 rolling conference table chairs (matching), red
- 1 office armchair, pink
- 1 end table, black
- 4-foot by 6-foot bulletin board, cork

Gay Straight Alliance Meets Tuesdays

GSU's Gay Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in E2590.

Earth Week Book Swap

Earth Week activities at GSU conclude today with a book swap in the Hall of Governors, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Bring in your used books and swap them out for others that are new to you. All books left at the end of the event will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

Visiting the Cloud

This month, GSU students had a chance to experience “the cloud” at Microsoft's Data Center.

Students studying Information Technology, Computer Science and MIS toured the fourth generation data center where Microsoft hosts e-mail, Office 360, and online storage and services for computer users. Students also experienced data center security that protects information in the cloud.

Microsoft's new data centers are very eco-friendly as the company works to reduce the environmental impact while maintaining thousands of computer servers and petabytes of data.

Help Save a Life at Today's Blood Drive

Students, faculty, staff, and everyone else are encouraged to donate blood today from 3 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The drive is sponsored by the Dual Degree Program and Heartland Blood Center. Volunteers in the DDP program will assist in passing out refreshments and registration information, as well as recruiting others to donate blood.

The event will be coordinated by DDP Peer Mentor and GSU student Sharita Walker with the assistance of other DDP mentors and students. Like all the activities in the DDP community service project, the April 25 blood drive addresses a vital need in the community. By giving blood, healthy individuals can donate the gift of life to others. The need is constant and donations are important for a healthy and reliable blood supply.

For questions about eligibility, or for other information, contact the Heartland Blood Center at www.heartlandbc.org or 708.633.0101.

Civil Service Senate Spring Open Market – May 2

The Civil Service Senate is presenting its Spring Open Market on Thursday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

The Spring Open Market is a perfect opportunity to pick up something for Mother's Day, a birthday, or something for the kids. Several vendors and crafters will be on campus for the one-day event.

Bach and Motown at Choral Concert - May 4

Celebrating the Spring Season is the theme of the Second Annual Spring Concert, presented by GSU's Choral Performance and Choral Practicum classes, on Saturday, May 4, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

"The choir students have worked very hard all semester and are very excited to share our music with the community," says choir conductor Stacy Eckert.

The concert includes music selections of Bach, Gershwin, and some of Motown's greatest hits. Several students will be featured soloists. A free reception follows the performance.

Sign-up Starts for Youth Swim Program

Registration for GSU's summer youth swim program takes place between May 4 and May 25.

Summer is the perfect time for children to learn how to swim, master an important skill, have fun in the water, and use up some energy.

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center Youth Swim Program is open to children 5 to 17 years of age. Participants receive 12 weeks of swim instruction. Classes begin on Saturday, June 1, from 11 to 11:40 a.m. Parental presence poolside during swim times and a waiver signed by a parent or guardian are required. The fee is \$20 for the children of GSU students, \$25 for the children of Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$50 for non-members.

This program encourages family involvement.

Limited space is available. Contact the Recreation and Fitness Center

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